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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTS DIX FIRE DISTRICT WITH NEW EMERGENCY SIREN

Dix, Neb., August 11, 2005—The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development awarded \$1,500 to the Dix Fire District to replace the community's existing early warning system. New siren will be an upgrade, affording activation by both the sheriff's office in Kimball and the Fire District. Dix Fire District is contributing \$8,600 towards the project.

"We are very grateful for the help in funding this project," stated Wayne Elliott, president for Dix Fire District. "USDA Rural Development has been very helpful throughout this grant process and very beneficial to our community over the years."

"Dix's existing siren motor no longer was in working condition, making it unreliable," stated Lennis Hodgson, area director for USDA Rural Development. "The new siren will provide improved notification time and greater protection from adverse weather conditions and emergency situations to over 260 rural residents in Dix and the surrounding area."

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